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AMS Fruit & Vegetable Programs
Attn: Cheri L. Emery
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1400 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20250-0240

Dear Ms. Emery:

Regarding proposed standard for greenhouse tomatoes, we request consideration of the following:

1. Cherry tomatoes on the vine, grape tomatoes on the vine and any tomato less than 100 grams that is on the vine be specifically excluded from all vine requirements in the proposed greenhouse standard. Such requirements as attachment and brittleness are impossible to obtain with these types of tomatoes as vines dry much quicker than a large vine product.
2. Vine on this type of tomato does not have an impact on qualities important to consumer such as flavor and shelf life.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

Dave Shaver
Vice President Technology